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DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION AND NATURAL RESOURCES
DIVISION OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

333 W. Nye Lane, Room 138
Carson City, Nevada 89706

Notice of Proposed Action

The Administrator of the Division of Environmental Protection gives notice that an application for a Water Pollution Control Permit for a mining facility, the **Standard Mine Project**, has been properly filed with the Division of Environmental Protection in Carson City. The applicant for Permit NEV2003103 is:

Standard Gold Mining, Inc.
P.O. Box 330
Imlay, NV 89418

The facility will be located in Pershing County, Nevada, approximately 31 miles northeast of Lovelock and approximately 42 miles southwest of Winnemucca, Nevada. Activity related to this project will occur within portions of Section 35 of Township 31 North, Range 33 East, and a portion of Section 34 of Township 31 North, Range 33 East, MDB&M.

The project will consist of open pit mining with associated waste rock dumps. Waste rock may be backfilled into either the Cordex Pit or North Pit. Ore will be processed using conventional cyanide heap leaching technology with precious metal recovery via carbon adsorption. The loaded carbon will be transported by truck to the Florida Canyon Mine carbon strip plant for further processing and carbon regeneration. The project is designed and will be constructed, operated and closed without any discharge or release in excess of those standards established in regulation except for meteorological events which exceed the design storm event.

The Administrator is constrained to issue the Water Pollution Control Permit or to deny the application. The Administrator has made the tentative determination to issue the permit.

Note: This letter is for electronic distribution. A copy of the signed letter is on file at the address shown on the letterhead.

Persons wishing to comment upon the proposed permit or who request a public hearing pursuant to the Nevada Administrative Code, NAC Chapter 445A, must submit their comments or requests no later than 5:00 pm on the 30th day following publication of this notice in the **Lovelock Review - Miner** in Lovelock, Nevada to the:

Division of Environmental Protection
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All comments or requests received during the public notice period will be considered in the final determination regarding this permit. If the Division determines written comments or requests indicate a significant degree of public interest in this matter, the Administrator may schedule a public hearing in accordance with the requirements of NAC 445A.405.

The permit and all application documents are on file at the Division and are available for public inspection and copying pursuant to NRS 445A.665. For more information contact Bob Carlson at (775) 687-9401, toll free in Nevada (800) 992-0900 ext. 4670, or visit our website at <http://ndep.nv.gov/bmrr/bmrr01.htm>.